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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTS OF ZAMBIA, ZAIRE, TANZANIA, BOTSWANA AND
MOZAMBIQUE TO MEET IN LUSAKA ON ANGOLA

1. IN VIEW OF RUMOR CURRENT AMONG FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS
IN LUSAKA THAT FOUR NEIGHBORING CHIEFS OF STATE ARE
SCHEDULED TO HOLD POW-WOW ON ANGOLA IN LUSAKA AT
INVITATION OF PRES KAUNDA, I ASKED FONMIN BANDA FEB 3
IF VISIT THIS WEEK OF MOZAMBIQUE'S FONMIN CHISSANO HAD
ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS POSSIBILITY. WHILE BOTH CHISSANO AND
BANDA HAVE PUBLICLY DENIED FIVE-POWER SUMMIT, BANDA PRIVATELY
TOLD ME A MEETING OF FIVE (KAUNDA, NYERERE, MACHEL, KHAMA AND
MOBUTU) WAS PLANNED FOR LUSAKA WEEKEND OF JAN 31 BUT
COULD NOT BE PUT TOGETHER AT THAT TIME. SAID CONTACTS
CURRENTLY UNDERWAY FOR RESCHEDULING AND HE WOULD
INFORM ME AS SOON AS ARRANGEMENTS FINALIZED.

2. NEW BOTSWANA HICOM TO ZAMBIA TOLD ME TODAY
THAT AMB PETER KASANDA INFORMED HIM HE CARRYING SPECIAL
MESSAGE FROM KAUNDA TO SERETSE KHAMA TODAY CONCERNING
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ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING OF FIVE. FONMIN BANDA'S

ABSENCE OUT OF LUSAKA TODAY IN LIVINGSTONE SUGGESTS
POSSIBLE CONTACTS BEING MADE THERE FOR ARRANGEMENTS.
KASANDA TOLD BOTSWANA HICOM THAT WHILE POST-OAU SUMMIT
DAR MEETING OF FOUR PRESIDENTS HELPED TO CLEAR AIR ON
DIVERGENT POSITIONS TAKEN AT ADDIS, IT DID ONLY THAT,
LEAVING UNFINISHED BIGGER TASK OF GREATER RECONCILIATION
OF POSITIONS AND HAMMERING OUT OF SOME SORT OF COMMON
STRATEGY ON WHICH NEW DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES COULD BE
BASED IN SEARCH FOR WAYS TO BRING WARRING ANGOLAN
FACTIONS TOGETHER IN SOME PEACEFUL, POLITICAL SOLUTION.

3. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON
QUESTIONS I MIGHT PUT TO BANDA WHEN HE DEBRIEFS ME
ON PLANS, OR IDEAS WE MIGHT USEFULLY PLANT WITH ZAMBIANS
PRIOR TO MEETING OF FIVE SO AS TO CHANNEL THEIR THINKING
AND STRATEGIES ALONG OPTION LINES CONSISTENT WITH OURS.
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